



# **LINCOLN CHAFEE**

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## **CHAFEE STATES POSITION ON GAY MARRIAGE AMENDMENT**

WASHINGTON, DC – Senator Lincoln Chafee released the following statement in response to President Bush's announced support of a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage:

"I recognize that many Americans are opposed to same-sex marriage. Nevertheless, I do not believe that amending the Constitution is the appropriate response to decisions by individual states to permit these arrangements. I support civil unions between same-sex couples and believe that each state should be free to make its own decision on this issue."